

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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MSP OF WHEAT

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the Minimum Support Price (MSP) fixed by the Government for procurement of wheat during the current season;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that farmers are avoiding selling their wheat to Government agency due to higher price offered in the market; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken by the Union Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

- (a): The Minimum Support Price (MSP) of wheat for 2012-13 season has been fixed by the Government at Rs.1350 per quintal.
- (b) & (c): MSP is in the nature of a minimum guaranteed price for the farmers offered by the Government for their produce in case the market prices fall below that level. If the market offers higher price than MSP, the farmers are free to sell at that price.